

Fiesta di Fin di Ana was fun for families

A great way to greet the holiday season was the Fiesta di Fin di Ana conducted in the Plaza Betico Croes in Oranjestad this past weekend. A full evening of holiday performance in the band shell kept the throng entertained, and the various delicacies associated with the season tantalized their taste buds.

The food stalls providing inexpensive fresh meals did a brisk business, as did those with homemade sweet treats and Christmas baskets. Musical entertainment featured a large number of Gaita groups, a lively music of the region that dominates at this time of year. The music of Los Sobrinitos, Tipico Tanki Leendert, Arugaldo, Gaita Sensacionales, Katatumbo y Katatumbito, Grupo Amistad, Euforia, Maruba, and Las Originales y Punto had the audience literally dancing in the streets. Noted Aruban baritone Edjean Semeleer headlined the show, performing selections from his Christmas CD, "Hey! Ta Pasco!"

This is the second year the Ministry of Culture has conducted this event, which proved an enormous success on both occasions. It was the last scheduled event by the Ministry, and as last year, a memorable way to celebrate the season!